

CALIFORNIANS SEE THE TRUTH ABOUT REPUBLICAN REFORMS

(Mr. HOKE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, where are our friends this morning from the other side of the aisle? Where is the celebrating that they expected to be taking place? It was not 6 weeks ago that the head of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. FROST], said, "And we will, we do, expect to win in California." Did they have a bad day yesterday? Did they have a bad night? Was it a bad week? Has it been a bad year? Is it going to be a bad decade? I think it is, because the American people have spoken.

Maybe the media will wake up. Maybe the media will tell the truth. Twenty-three points, was that close? Is that a close election? Twenty-three points in what was supposedly going to be a Democratic victory. Why is it? Because the American people are too smart to be demagogued on this stuff. They are too smart to believe the pack of half-truths and distortions and untruths that are being fed to them. They will not buy it. They will not stand for it. They have spoken. Today we have something very great to celebrate in California.

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SUPPORT OUR TROOPS IN BOSNIA

(Mr. HASTINGS of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I came here to talk about Bosnia, but in response to my friend let me remind him that one election does not necessarily a majority make.

I congratulate the Republicans for their victory, but there are going to be some more, and in Florida we are going to have one evermore big-time fight. The question keeps being asked around here, what is the United States stake in Bosnia and why does the United States participation make a difference.

Let me answer through the words of Adm. Snuffy Smith. "The question is about United States leadership in the world," he said. "If we don't go in, our credibility goes to rock bottom. The next time when vital United States interests are engaged, are our allies and friends going to be with us? Probably not. If we don't go in there, there will be more killing, the war can spread. Do not underestimate the volatility of the Balkans."

This gentleman is the commander in charge of our troops. Our troops are ready and well-trained. Let us support the United States troops that are being deployed to Bosnia.

FRIVOLOUS CHARGES CLOUD DEBATE ON REAL ISSUES

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, let me first of all congratulate my colleague Tom Campbell from California for his stunning victory in California. He and I came in together in 1988 and I am just very pleased to have him return here to Congress.

Former Speaker Sam Rayburn quipped, "A jackass can kick a barn down, but it takes a carpenter to build one."

Well, the truth of Mr. Rayburn's words has never been more apparent as it is today. The donkeys are kicking at the barn doors, but we have a carpenter trying to work, trying to build a better form of government, and that carpenter is NEWT GINGRICH, our Speaker.

Despite all their efforts to the contrary, they are trying to offer these frivolous charges. Instead of working on the difficult issues ahead, they trump up another bogus ethics charge against the Speaker.

They, in fact, have fabricated a total of 65 charges against the Speaker. All but one of these charges have been dismissed. The remaining charge simply pertains to a technical section of the IRS code. In time it will be resolved.

The Democrats' attempt in the Campbell election to demonize the Speaker has not worked. I call on all our Members to welcome Tom Campbell again in to our fold.

REPUBLICAN BUDGET CUTS HEALTH CARE TO PAY FOR TAX BREAKS TO WELL OFF

(Ms. MCKINNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, one only has to examine the priorities in the Gingrich budget to understand for whom the Republican Party stands. The \$500 billion in corporate welfare is going untouched while seniors, pregnant women, and the disabled are expected to absorb \$433 billion in health care cuts.

And yes, these are health care cuts because Medicare and Medicaid spending will not keep pace with medical inflation. When you consider that Medicare and Medicaid care for the oldest and sickest people in our society, any reductions that do not keep pace with medical inflation are cuts, plain and simple.

So now, Mr. Haley Barbour, please send your million dollars to Grady Hospital in Atlanta, with an explanation that the Gingrich budget does not cut Medicare and Medicaid to pay for tax breaks to the well off.

DISPOSING OF SENATE AMENDMENT 115 TO H.R. 1868, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1996

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 296 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 296

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 1868) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes, with the Senate amendment numbered 115 thereto, and to consider in the House the motion printed in section 2 of this resolution. The Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. All points of order against the motion are waived. The motion shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on that motion to final adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question.

SEC. 2. The motion to dispose of the amendment of the Senate numbered 115 is as follows:

Mr. Callahan (or his designee) moves that the House recede from its amendment to the amendment of the Senate numbered 115, and concur therein with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed by said amendment, insert:

"Authorization of Population Planning
"SEC. 518A. Section 526 of this Act shall not apply to funds made available in this Act for population planning activities or other population assistance pursuant to section 104(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act or any other provision of law, or to funds made available in title IV of this Act as a contribution to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)."

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KINGSTON). The gentleman from Florida [Mr. GOSS] is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. HALL], pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

(Mr. GOSS asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material.)

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, this rule provides for a motion—to be offered by Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman CALLAHAN or his designee—to dispose of the remaining amendment in disagreement to the conference report on H.R. 1868. This is a straightforward and fair rule, providing for an hour of debate and an up-or-down vote on the motion. As you recall, the House passed the Foreign Operations conference report on October 31. This legislation makes tremendous improvements in the way we allocate our limited tax dollars to overseas interests. H.R. 1868 significantly reduces